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SUBJ: RGCR REVISES FISHERIES LEGISLATION

REF: SAN JOSE A-15, APRIL 5, 1978

1. ON AUGUST 3 THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APPROVED S BILL MODIFYING LAW 5775 OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1975 (SEE REFAIR) WHICH ESTABLISHED LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS FISHING FOR TUNA WITHIN THE 200 MILE PATRIMONIAL WATERS OF COSTA RICA.

2. THE BILL PROVIDES FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO LAW 5775:

A) 200 MILE JURISDICTION EXTENDED TO WATERS SURROUNDING COCOS ISLAND.

B) LAW MADE APPLICABLE TO ALL COMMERCIAL FISHERIES, NOT JUST TUNA; UNCLASSIFIED

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C) ARTICLE 6 (DEALING WITH PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS) HAS BEEN REWRITTEN SO AS TO DELETE LEGAL AMBIGUITIES WHICH PERMITTED RELEASE OF THREE FOREIGN FLAG TUNA BOATS CAPTURED IN APIL 1978 IN COSTA RICAN 200 MILE ZONE; AND

D) COSTA RICAN FLAG VESSELS BELONGING TO FOREIGN CORPORATIONS

SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF THE LAW; FOREIGN CORPORATIONS ARE DEFINED AS THOSE IN WHICH COSTA RICANS DO NOT OWN MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF SHARES.

3. BILL HAS NOW BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT AND HIS APPROVAL IS EXPECTED WITHOUT DELAY. EMBASSY WILL POUCH COPY OF REVISED LAW (WITH UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION) WHEN IT IS PUBLISHED IN THE GACETA OFICIAL.
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